

PRECINCT

Conventions For Democrats All Over The State This Afternoon.

Beckham's Strength Wanes as His Weaknesses Are Being Shown.

Friends of Brennan and Bingham Busy With Mayoralty Petitions.

CHANCE TO PROVE POPULARITY

In accordance with the new rules of the Democratic State convention as promulgated at Louisville last May, this afternoon will witness the first step in the reorganization of local Democratic committees all over the State. At 7 o'clock this afternoon the Precinct Chairman will call the precinct conventions to gether and elect a Precinct Committeeman, the latter to meet in their different Legislative districts next Monday and elect a District Chairman, these to meet the following Wednesday and elect the Chairman and official head of the city and county committees. In this, the Fifth district, there will be slight changes in the party organization, which is the most successful of its kind in years, and its detail work from the Chairman down to precinct workers is a veritable rock of Gibraltar, and the rank and file of Democracy are contented with the present regime. In the First ward our next Postmaster, Dick Schmitt, will succeed George Heller as Chairman, while Judge Goeke, John J. Barry, Robert J. Hagan, Joseph Overberg, Theodore McGarry and John L. Gruber will be chosen without any opposition. These District Chairmen will again select Frank McGrath as Chairman of the City and County Committee, his ability as an organizer and a harmonizer of all factions making him the logical man for leader of the Democratic host. As a tribute to the present successful committee every Democrat should attend his precinct convention this afternoon and voice his sentiments for the re-election of the above gentlemen.

Now that Percy Haly has finished his volley of press clippings to some of the country papers containing reasons why Beckham should be given the nomination for United States Senator, the reaction is beginning to set in and the more conservative Democrats are asking would it be wise policy to risk a seat in the United States Senate by choosing a man who in the last several years has been responsible for more quarrels and splits than any other Democratic circles than any other ten reasons. His forcing of the liquor question into Democratic politics, his continual warfare with Henry Watterson, his rupture with the Louisville Democracy, and his last year's fight with "Billy" Kilar and the Lexington Democracy, have made him very unpopular and his nomination would again split the party asunder, which end the Louisville Herald and Evening Post have been openly working for, their advice to Democrats to nominate Beckham being good and sufficient reason why he should be defeated.

There is daily talk of other candidates for Mayor announcing in the Democratic primary, but in the week petitions have been circulated urging Harry Brennan to enter the race, and it is rumored that Scott Newman, Laban Phelps and Lyne Herndon are his principal backers. The Evening Post is working halfheartedly only for Bingham's entry, as Editor Knott is not now such a pronounced Bingham advocate since it is rumored that W. B. Haldeman and the Judge have watched by their former differences. Ex-Fire Chief Tyson and ex-Police Chief Hanger are also supposed to be urging Bingham to make the race.

Harry C. Nehan, the present Police Court Clerk, is the only official announcement in that race thus far, while Charley Cronan bears the same distinction in the Sheriff's race, although friends of Dan Russell say that he is busy dealing in promised deputations with the city run-ins. Sheriff Emler and Joseph Timmons are now the only entries in the County Assessor's race, but another is expected to announce this week. All of the races are free for all this year and the many who believe that the people are hankering for a change to vote for these candidates have their own mind in the primary which gives all an even chance.

OYSTER SUPPER.

The ladies of the Altar Society of St. Leo's church, Highland Park, announce an oyster supper and lotto party for Friday, January 31, in the school hall adjoining the church. The oyster supper will be a bounteous affair and will be patronized by the people of that section, but the ladies extend a cordial invitation to the friends of the pastor, Father Fitzgerald, to visit them there will be many unique and handsome awards.

DIES AT MASS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tierney, an aged member of St. Patrick's church, expired suddenly while attending mass there Sunday morning. She was when Mrs. Peter Curran and other

seen to fall forward suddenly and parishioners hastened to her side she was dying. The Rev. Father J. P. Cronin was summoned and administered the last rites of the church. A sad feature of her demise was the fact that her only son, Dennis J. Tierney, a city salesman, living at 1137 South Sixth street, was on his way to visit her at the time. He arrived at the church a few minutes after her body had been removed. Her funeral was held Tuesday morning.

INSTALLATION

County President Connelly Installs Officers of His Division.

County President W. J. Connelly installed the officers of Division 4, A. O. H., his home division, last Monday evening at Bertrand Hall, and in a short address following complimented the division on the successful campaign they are now conducting for new members, seven applications being received at the meeting as follows: G. F. Masterson, Joseph T. Hanrahan, Joseph D. Hennessy, D. J. Tierney, Paul Schnell, George Masterson and M. J. O'Loughlin. In addition to the applications E. J. Brady, Edward Byrne, Edward Brown, Charles McCaffrey and Patrick Gilmore were elected to membership. Robert Mitchell, one of the order's veteran members, spoke and urged hearty support for the installation on February 24, and in the course of his remarks said that in his thirty-five years membership in the order he never knew of any member who had done more toward the upbuilding of the A. O. H. than President John Hennessy. County Financial Secretary Dan O'Keefe was present and predicted that this would be a banner year for the order in this district, and also invited the members of Division 4 to attend the installation of Division 2's officers in their new hall on Thursday, February 6. John J. Score advocated support and encouragement for the degree team and hoped Division 4 would have a record breaking class at its next month's initiation.

BRUEDERBUND.

Men of St. Martin's Celebrate Thirty-Eighth Anniversary.

With their clergy present the St. Martin's Church Bruederbund had a happy celebration of the thirty-eighth anniversary Wednesday night, when handsome gold emblems were given Frank Mueller and Hugo Seidenfaden, who had been members for twenty-five years. The presentation was made by President Oscar Maier, who spoke on the work of the extended society and the relief it afforded young and old members in times of sickness and distress. In placing the emblems he hoped the wearers would live to celebrate the golden jubilee of their membership. Henry Hell presided, and in welcoming the large assemblage said the yearly celebration was for the purpose of bringing the members together and creating a friendly and brotherly feeling. The programme was interspersed with musical numbers by the Bruederbund choir under the direction of Prof. Dentinger, the Concordia quartet and Will Martin. Rev. Father Bohlsen, who delivered the address at the evening, was also glad to welcome men banded together for the noble purpose that actuated this brotherhood. He then dwelt upon the benefits of organization and the great good resulting therefrom, pointing to the recent Federation convention as an illustration. This brotherhood, he said, has helped many a poor and prevented misery, poverty and want, thus proving an angel of charity. Father Bohlsen urged every man present to become a member, thus making themselves better Catholics and citizens. Rev. Father Frederick spoke upon federation, telling his hearers that where they have come to this point to keep it rolling. The editor of the Kentucky Irish American was present to congratulate the brotherhood upon its success and the fact that it had over \$5,000 with which to protect its members. Others were called upon and spoke while being served and cigars distributed. Before dispersing quite a list of names were presented for membership.

FRIENDS INVITED.

On Tuesday night, January 21, Branch 642, Catholic Knights of America, will install its officers for the year 1913 at St. Michael's Hall on Brook street, between Market and Jefferson. Branch 642 prides itself on having more lady members than any other in Kentucky. Officers of the Kentucky State Council will be special guests, and all Catholic Knights will be welcome. Chairman Henry Schnitzler and a committee will serve a delicious feast at the conclusion of the installation that all will appreciate.

MARRIAGE AT DANVILLE.

John Brown, a well known business man, and Miss Nora Liston, popular in Catholic society circles, both residents of Danville, were united in marriage in Sts. Peter and Paul church in that city Tuesday morning by the Rev. Father Omdund Welnath, O. S. B. They left immediately upon a honeymoon trip to Detroit and other points in the North and East. Upon their return they will have apartments at the Hotel Gilcher.

OUR OWN.

Doubly Armed Is Girl Graduate of Catholic High School.

Has a High Ideal of Dignity of Catholic Womanhood.

Rev. Father Garrigan Points the Way Girls Should Pursue.

WHAT WORLD DEMANDS TODAY

Doubly armed, writes the Rev. Father Garrigan in the Christian Year, is she who is a graduate of a Catholic high school and a frequent visitor to the confessional. Broadminded she may be in many ways, but her broadmindedness never countenances any moral laxity. She has a high ideal of the dignity of womanhood. Her entrance into the industrial world is another influence for uplift. Temptation may come day by day, but she knows the alternative, "Give in or give up your position," and she gives up her position, even though her salary is needed at home. She knows that nothing can compare for the loss of her integrity. She trusts in God. She is a Catholic gentlewoman. She has acquired self-mastery, the first essential in education. "What is the education of the majority of the world?" asks Edmund Burke. "Reading a parcel of books? No! Restraint and discipline, example of virtue and justice, these are what form the education of the world." And James Phinney Monroe adds: "Self-restraint and self-discipline are what public education must instill if it would rightly preface and forestall the work of the greater school, the world. Without these the furnishing of mere book learning will be like giving dynamite to children and setting guns to war-thrifty savages."

The world today demands that education shall be efficient. The world stamps efficiency on that education which fits the girl for the needs of everyday life. Graceful manners in pouring at an afternoon tea, ability to discuss the latest fiction, knowledge of the matinee idol's life—the stage, sympathy for the tenor, the professional opera singer who makes love so beautifully, but can not get along with that "cross woman, his wife," are not fundamental courses in an efficient education. They do not swell the pay envelope of the business woman. She has a commodity to sell—her labor. She may be working for a corporation that may have been so close that, when asked by a stranger to tell the time of day, he took off five minutes from the correct time for his own commission. The corporation is interested in dividends. The officers expect Miss Stenographer to be graceful at the typewriting machine, to have the ability to take rapid dictation, to have knowledge of spelling, punctuation and good English, and to have enough sympathy to work a half-hour overtime occasionally in the "rush" season. Such a young woman is not the first to be laid off or let go when depression hovers over business. Such a young woman is found in positions of responsibility in every important city in this land. In many, many instances she is earning a larger salary than her brother. The man, it must have been a man, that started the rumor about women not being able to keep a secret, had not received complete returns from all the business houses when he framed the slander. Many employers prefer a woman employee in positions where patience, loyalty and dependableness are required. Woman has made good in the business world, and she has come to stay. As years roll on she will be joined by an ever-increasing multitude of her efficient sisters, whose number will depend in no small measure on the increase of Catholic high schools for girls.

JOLLIFICATION

Featured Annual Meeting of Central Committee, C. K. of A.

Notwithstanding the downpour of rain the annual meeting of the Central Committee, C. K. of A., drew the largest gathering of the year to St. Mary's Hall last Friday night, when State Secretary William T. Meehan installed the officers. Charles Falk, who is now serving his eleventh term as Treasurer, presented a report that was received with applause, the body having a small reserve despite the heavy expense of the past year. Secretary Ben Kruse was instructed to write a letter of condolence to ex-State Treasurer Styvester Rapier, whose wife was run over by a street car and killed. A letter was also sent to H. Todd, of the Southern Railway Company, expressing appreciation of his treatment of the Central Committee. When the officers had been installed President John Scholda and Vice President Charles Hill pledged their every effort to increase the membership of the order. They expressed the hope that the committee would work willingly and faithfully and accomplish much this year. John

Kinney, delegate from Jeffersonville, also delivered an excellent address. The business over, Capt. Oscar Maier invited all to an adjoining room, where John Lepping had prepared a bountiful delicious luncheon and cigars, and an hour was spent in jollification.

HORRIBLE.

Mary Boyle O'Reilly Exposes the New York Canning Camps.

Charges That Children Toil All Day and Far Into the Night.

Mothers Were Afraid to Leave Babies in the Shacks Provided.

GOVERNMENT IS INVESTIGATING

A picture of men, women and children, the latter only five and six years old, working under filthy conditions and living in squalid canning camps of the New York Fruit and Vegetable Canning Company, was presented to the House Rules Committee at Washington last Saturday by Mary Boyle O'Reilly, a social worker, and Frank C. Praete, an investigator for the New York Labor Department. They supported a resolution introduced by Representative Allen, of Ohio, for an investigation of conditions in the canning industry throughout the country. Frank Gorrel, Secretary of the National Canners Association, declared that his organization, representing from 70 to 75 per cent. of the canning output of the country, invited the fullest investigation of conditions in the industry and would lend every assistance possible to Congress for making the inquiry thorough. The committee took the resolution under advisement.

Miss O'Reilly and Mr. Praete, from notes made during personal investigation of the canning camps in New York, gave the committee detailed descriptions of horrible working conditions, filthy housing conditions and lack of sanitary equipment. Miss O'Reilly was in the camp a month as a woman worker. She described to the committee the plight of little children sent into the camps to earn a few cents a day. "There are children in the camps four and five years old," she said, "and there are children of ten and eleven. There is no record of child labor, and the employers maintain that the children go to the factories with their parents. I know of a camp where three children, working together, earned fifty cents a day. "Working in the stripping shed under the New York law is not considered factory labor. Women in the camp are paid one cent a pound for stripping peas. A strong, vigorous woman can strip about fifty or sixty pounds a day. A woman is paid \$1 a day for husking corn, but the work is very heavy. I know of two little Italian girls who are steady workers. They are sisters, five and six years old.

"In one cannery I visited five Italian boys, from fifteen to seventeen years of age, worked 115 hours a week. They ended the week by working from 7 o'clock Saturday morning until 2 o'clock Sunday morning, never leaving the factory. One of the boys, Tommy Socorro, refused to go back to the factory Monday morning. When his mother called him he waved her away, saying: 'I'm going to cut it out. There ain't no use; there ain't no God.' "Did you say he worked 115 hours a week?" demanded one of the committee. "Why, yes," returned Miss O'Reilly. "I know of women who have worked 120 hours a week and girls of sixteen and eighteen years who worked twenty hours a day."

"The factories and shacks occupied by the workers," Miss O'Reilly said, "are overrun with rats, bugs, flies and every sort of vermin. The mothers often are afraid to leave their children in the shacks while they are at work because of rats." The labor in the camps, Miss O'Reilly said, was largely recent immigrants, Poles and Italians. "Mr. Praete presented the report of his investigation of nearly fifty canning camps in New York State, including camps at Webster, Lyons, Clyde, Marion, Rome and other towns throughout the fruit and truck garden sections of the State. His description of housing and factory conditions, of filthy shacks where the workers lived and of conditions of water and sanitation, moved Representative Denver, of Ohio, to ask: "Did you see these things yourself?" "All of the statements made here are the result of my own investigations," returned Mr. Praete. "I could not find words to describe the conditions truly. Some of the places are so filthy that no pig would have been at home there."

RELIEVED SUFFERING.

During the past week many citizens have done much for the relief of the local food sufferers, but the work performed by Matt Connelly, of 1414 Story avenue, was most timely. At the head of a force of men he worked early and late saving the property and belongings of the poor who were driven from their homes.

FEDERATION.

Annual Meeting Largely Attended by Representative Catholic Men.

Spirited But Friendly Contests Marked Election of Officers.

President Ganz Submits Interesting Review of Year's Work.

WILL HAVE REGULAR INCOME

The annual meeting of the Jefferson County Federation of Catholic Societies, held on Thursday night of last week at the Catholic Woman's Club, was largely attended by representative Catholic men of the city, nearly all bodies that affiliated during the past year responding when the roll was called. President Peter Ganz occupied the chair and all the officers were present. Final reports were submitted by the various committees, who were then discharged. That of the Executive Committee was most satisfactory, as it showed excellent business management and foresight. The funds have been invested in gold mortgage interest bearing bonds, which will produce an income that is hoped will meet the expenses of the Federation for the next twelve months at least. Dr. Peter S. Ganz, the President, read a paper reviewing the work of the Federation during the year 1912, in which recognition was given the Fiscal Court, Col. John H. Whallen, the press, merchants and business men, non-Catholics and the public generally for the assistance given in entertaining the great national convention last summer and the parade that surpassed any ever before seen in the South. The people of this city, he said, were to be thanked for the spirit shown toward their Catholic fellow citizens and the assistance rendered in maintaining Louisville's fair reputation.

Along the same line commendatory remarks were made by Magistrate P. T. Sullivan, John Doyle, Thomas Dolan, Thomas Tarpey and others. When the election of officers was announced as the next business there was in evidence a spirit of interest, and the contests that followed were eagerly watched, but all were friendly. For all there were a number of candidates, but the count of the votes showed the following to have been elected:

President—Dr. Peter S. Ganz. Vice Presidents—David O'Connell, W. A. Link, E. J. Cooney. Secretary—Thomas Dolan. Treasurer—Jacob Hubbuch. Executive Committee—William M. Higgins, Robert T. Burke, V. K. Ecker, J. W. Klappache, John A. Doyle, Dr. Charles Edelen, Miss Pannie Kennedy, Mrs. J. A. Miller, H. A. Vonderheide. A number of others are to be added to the foregoing committee, but their selection was deferred until the conferences of the delegates of their organizations could be held. There was a lively discussion upon the question of the net capita tax, many arguing that for the present the Federation could get along without it, while others believed it would be best to increase the funds in the treasury and thereby be always better prepared to meet any unlooked for but necessary expenses than realize. After a discussion of amendments had been offered the whole subject was referred to the new Executive Committee, who will give it their careful consideration and report at the February meeting.

ST. MEINRAD'S.

Priests and Students Fulfill Vow Made Half Century Ago.

Despite the cold weather and the frozen roads, the 200 students of St. Meinrad's Seminary and Preparatory College at St. Meinrad, Ind., early Monday morning trudged to the height of Monte Casino, one mile away, to fulfill a vow made fifty years ago. The solemn promise to perform this pilgrimage of thanksgiving each January 13 resulted when the seminary and college were delivered from the smallpox plague. For more than half a century each succeeding generation of aspirants to the priesthood has made the journey despite blizzards, almost impassable roads and even floods. All during the winter of 1860 the dreaded smallpox raged in the little town of St. Meinrad and finally even invaded the abbey. No deaths resulted, and the venerated Father Isidore, then Superior, assembled the students and seminarians and all vowed that a solemn mass of thanksgiving would be celebrated each year in a chapel built on Monte Casino. Accordingly the young ecclesiastics constructed a wooden chapel in honor of Our Lady of Monte Casino on the crest of the towering hill to the north. In 1880 a handsome stone structure was built on the site of the original wooden building, and it was in this quaint edifice that the Very Rev. Dr. Gregory Bechtold, D. D., O. S. B., rector of the seminary, celebrated the solemn mass of thanksgiving Monday. The procession started from the

seminary at 7 o'clock and made its way through the little town and up the hill to the chapel. The altar was beautifully decorated for the ceremony and the music was furnished by the seminary choir. After mass all returned to the seminary and their books.

TRINITY COUNCIL.

Liberal Donation to Catholic Church Extension Society.

More than a hundred members were present when Trinity Council's meeting was called to order last Monday evening. The Sick Committee reported that C. J. Gaffney, Dr. P. N. Delus, James J. Hartley and A. A. Grantz were improving and would soon be able to be out again. Several applications were received and only a few more will be needed to arrange for an initiation. J. M. Hennessy, President of the newly-organized Social Club, reported that the club had its first dance on the previous Thursday evening, and a large attendance was present. The Japanese garden dance by the Miss Dolly Dollars Club on Wednesday evening was a great success. It was very unique and nothing like it had been attempted before by Trinity. The principal event of the meeting was the club house annex discussion. This was made a special order of business and every member was called upon to express his views on the subject. President Ecker appointed the following committee to formulate plans and confer with Architect J. J. Gaffney to determine the cost of the annex: J. B. Kelly, J. C. Kirchdorfer, A. G. Schneider, Clem Schildt, J. Robert Muhs, Benedict Elder and J. L. Cunliffe. This committee will report back to the council at an early date. Trinity made a donation of \$200 to the Catholic Church Extension Society to assist them in building additional chapel cars. Trinity's musical club will entertain their friends with a euchre, lotto and dance on Wednesday, January 29.

DIPLOMAS

Awarded Eight Members of St. Joseph's Orphan Society.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph's German Catholic Orphan Society was held Sunday afternoon, Joseph Hubbuch, the retiring President, occupying the chair. In view of the excellent financial condition it was decided to authorize the Board of Directors to make the necessary arrangements to accept children under two years in the institution. Hereafter only children above that age have been admitted. During the year \$7,000 has been spent for improvements, including a parsonage for the Rev. E. Bachmann, chaplain of the home, according to the report of President Hubbuch. Plans are now being prepared for fire-proofing the whole building by replacing the wooden stairs by iron ones and cementing the walls. A new sewer also will be built. Although the expenses were large they were paid for out of the current receipts. The society has 1,106 members, while the newly organized Women's Auxiliary boasts of a membership of 44. There are at present 130 children in the institution. Treasurer Henry Ellert reported that after the payment of all the bills there was over \$5,000 left in the treasury. The following new officers, who were elected in December, were installed: President, Joseph Schildt; Vice President, Ben Stoeser; Financial Secretary, Sebastian Hubbuch; Corresponding Secretary, Ben Geher; Recording Secretary, Dominick Lubbers; Treasurer, John H. Wilms. Diplomas for membership extending over a period of twenty-five years were given the following members: Joseph Altmeyer, Joseph Discher, Henry Feldhaus, Fred Kaelin, Frank Alliger, Joseph Ahlhaus, George Feldman and L. H. Harpring.

MACKIN SOCIAL CLUB.

Mackin Council Social Club has perfected every arrangement for its mammoth euchre and lotto party to be given at the club house next Thursday night, January 23. There will be awards for almost everybody, including \$5 in gold, loads of coal, boxes of cigars and a great variety of handsome and useful articles. Games will be called at 3:15 o'clock and will cease about 10:30. The Social Club will close its winter season with a dance on the following Thursday, January 30.

ENJOYED THE SUPPER.

Rev. Father Edmund Kaiser, O. M. C., pastor of St. Peter's church, Seventeenth and Garland avenue, entertained the members of the choir, trustees of the church and parish collectors at an elegant supper Thursday night. Over fifty enjoyed the feast, which was followed by a number of musical selections and impromptu addresses. Father Kaiser has at his church one of the best choirs in the city.

PAINFUL MISHAP.

Will Larkin, one of the most popular residents of the southeastern section of the city, met with a painful and serious mishap Sunday evening. While out for a walk with some neighbor friends he accidentally slipped on the icy pavement, sustaining a bad fracture of the leg at the ankle. He was removed to his home on Logan street, where he will be confined for the next eight weeks.

SHATTERED.

Great Break in the Tory Ranks and Factions Become Bitter.

Home Rule Bill Being Rapidly Pushed to Third Reading.

Nationalists Have High Hopes of Carrying Derry City Election.

LEADERS DESERT BONAR LAW

T. P. O'Connor, M. P., cables the press that for several days last week it looked as if the Tory party were breaking all to pieces. Few of them even entered the House of Commons, and even the home rule bill was left to be discussed by William Moore, one of the Ulster Orangemen who, seated alone and still snorting fire and flame, though with manifest depression of spirits, seemed like the last of the Tory Mohicans. The melancholy and long hatched face of Bonar Law, opposition leader, grew daily longer and more melancholy, and he also seldom visited the House of Commons. He was allowed to sit for hours alone without the cheering presence of a single one of his fellow leaders of the Tory party when he did attend. In the meantime the grim and melancholy silence in the House of Commons was in great contrast with the deafening and horrid din of the rival newspapers. The Morning Post and Daily Express foamed at the mouth over the proposal to drop food taxes, while Lord Northcliffe in the Daily Mail and Times went on his way with his characteristic serenity, not replying to the insults but sticking obstinately to the cry that the food taxes must be dropped. Lancashire added to the confusion of the situation by sending a deputation to Bonar Law, headed by such a powerful leader as Lord Derby, and demanding also the dropping of the food taxes if Lancashire was to be saved from the Liberals and free traders. It became evident to even the most fiery food taxers that they could not so on and that a compromise and truce or open fight was destruction remained as a possibility for the Tory leaders. It also was evident that in spite of the fulminations from Austen Chamberlain and the whole Birmingham school, the free fooders formed the overwhelming majority of the party and that they must get some concession.

All this led up to a compromise which is deliberately ambiguous, allowing both sections to claim the victory. The immediate prospect is that the truce will be maintained for the next two years, for all of the Tories are made desperate by the prospect of seven years more exclusion from office and the loss of the next and fourth general election in succession if they do not close up their ranks. Their one watchword for the moment is to get the Liberals out of office and win the next election. The seeds of future disruption remain, however, for protection is so discredited by the gigantic boom of English trade and by the three bad general elections that many of the Tories still pray that protection may ultimately be abandoned. Bonar Law may at any moment, by some other muddled head announcement, once more put the fat in the fire. The Liberals and the Irish and home rule have naturally grown stronger and more self-confident during this Tory disruption and the final stages of the home rule bill are passing without the smallest trace of interest and usually in a deserted House of Commons. The Nationalists will be passed on Thursday next and probably by at least 100 majority, a final and crushing proof of the solidarity of the Liberal party and British opinion in favor of the measure. In the midst of this final crisis comes the momentous by-election in Derry City. The whole battle is considerably influenced by the result. If the Nationalists win, they will hold seventeen to sixteen in the representation of Ulster, and the winning of even this small majority will help obliterate the claim of the Orangemen that they represent an overwhelming majority of the opinion in Ulster. The Nationalists have wisely chosen a Protestant and a Liberal instead of a Catholic and Nationalist to make their fight, and this candidate also is a large and kindly employer of labor and is personally popular. The Orangemen have a small majority on the register, but the Nationalists hope to win the seat.

CONVALESCENT.

Nicholas Hubbuch, who underwent an operation at St. Anthony's Hospital, has been removed to his home on Richmond avenue, where he is making nice progress toward recovery. It is now thought he will soon be able to return to his business duties.

THE HIGHEST ALTAR.

The highest altar in the world is located on the summit of the Den du Gault. There mass is celebrated regularly for the little army of Alpine guides. These faithful, honest, simple folk have erected there a colossal statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.